



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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FREE TIRE RECYCLING FOR CITY RESIDENTS

The City of San Diego is offering free tire recycling for city residents. The City will hold two Waste Tire Amnesty recycling events to help cut down on the illegal dumping of waste tires. The events will be held on Saturdays at the following locations:

- May 16, 2009 - Southwest High School, 1685 Hollister Street, 92154, and;
- June 20, 2009 - Mira Mesa High School, 10510 Reagan Road, 92126.

Waste Tire Amnesty recycling events are held to divert waste tires from landfill disposal, prevent illegal dumping, and to allow residents to bring waste tires to convenient locations.

Residents can dispose up to 20 passenger car and pick-up tires. State law requires residents who intend to transport more than 9 tires to obtain an authorization letter from the City. The permits can be obtained by calling the Development Services Department at 619-533-3688 at least one week in advance of the Waste Tire Amnesty events.

Each of the tire recycling events is open to city residents only. No business waste will be accepted. No rims, rimmed tires, semi-truck or tractor tires will be accepted.

Waste tires with adequate tread collected at the event will be reused on vehicles. Non-roadworthy tires will be recycled as fuel for a cement plant in Colton, CA.

Tire Disposal Facts:

- Californians disposed of approximately 44.4 million waste tires in 2006.
- 74 percent of waste tires were diverted from disposal through reuse, crumb rubber production, rubberized asphalt production, concrete augmentation, civil engineering uses, agriculture purposes, retreading, and fuel for power generation and cement kilns.
- 25.6 percent of waste tires were disposed at landfills.

Source: California Integrated Waste Management Board - www.ciwmb.ca.gov/tires/.

State law and the San Diego municipal code prohibit disposal of whole tires in the Miramar Landfill. Sliced or shredded tires are accepted.

Waste Tire Amnesty Day is sponsored by the City's Development Services Department and the Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency. It is funded by the City of San Diego and a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.



“Zero Waste – You Make It Happen!”

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